

Third Annual Meeting

November 11, 1974

Dear Jack:

I apologize for the fact that my first letter to you must perforce involve an imposition: a plea for assistance in preparing for our third annual meeting of the US-USSR Joint Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection to be held in Moscow December 9-12 at the Dom Soyuzov.

Fortunately Russell Train, his counterpart Dr. Yuri A. Izrael, and my counterpart Dr. Boris Kuvshinov of Hydromet have been through this exercise before and when I recently escorted Izrael and Kuvshinov around the U.S., I was able to pin down some vital details. There is still, however, much to be resolved and coordinated over the next month. Let me therefore run down a check list:

1. Delegation

The Official delegation includes Mr. Train (accompanied by Mrs. Train) and 9 key members of 11 major areas under the Agreement, plus one Congressional member Mark Andrews, R-North Dakota (accompanied by Mrs. Andrews), and one nongovernmental member Mrs. Ruth Glusen, President of the League of Women Voters. A delegation list is enclosed. Of the delegation members Dr. B. J. Steigerwald and Captain Wallace will already be in Moscow with the Harmonization of Standards Environmental Delegation led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environment Dr. Sidney Gallor and Captain Wallace's Environmental Application on Prevention of Marine Pollution from Shipping. Dr. Epstein may be replaced by Dr. Donald P. Martineau, Executive Secretary of the US-USSR Oceanography Agreement who will be in Moscow on Oceanographic business. In addition there will be myself, David H. Strother of EPA (who will already be in Moscow on the US-USSR Environmental Agreement), Dr. Train's secretary (Mrs. Patricia O'Connell), and my secretary (Miss Margaret).

2. Arrival Times

Mr. and Mrs. Train plan to arrive in Moscow December 8 at 9:55 p.m. on Aeroflot (SU-554) from Tehran. I'm planning to arrive on December 7 at 5:10 p.m. on LOAC 990 from London so that I can work with Kuvshinnikov and be on hand to meet Train at the airport. The other members of the delegation will arrive December 7 or 8 and when I get their arrival times and flights, I'll inform the Embassy.

3. Meeting Program

The Soviet side has proposed:

<u>Dec 9</u>	10:30 - 12:30 p.m.	Open meeting. General speeches. Adoption of agenda. Contact with press and TV.
	15:00 - 18:00	Closed working meeting to discuss report of 1974 results.
<u>Dec 10</u>		Working meeting Discuss Memorandum of Implementation for 1975.
<u>Dec 11</u>		Free day for individual bilateral discussions. Trip to Moscow (Kuvshinnikov, Strother and I remain in Moscow to draft documents).
<u>Dec 12</u>	Morning	Final meeting. Closing speeches. Signing of documents. Press conference.
	15:00	Mr. and Mrs. Train, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and I depart Moscow on special Hydromet plane for Tashkent, Samarkand, Bishkek and (possibly) Tbilisi) Garm, returning Tashkent 14 and departing homeward December 15.

4. Special Events - Entertainment

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reception on December 5. At the 1972 meeting in Moscow the U.S. side held a reception at Dom Spase hosted by Eike Dohs (in the absence of Ambassador Bean). Mr. Train would like to arrange an evening reception for the Soviet side on December 10 or 11 and would deeply appreciate the opportunity to hold it at Spaso House if Ambassador Stoessel is willing to host it. We'll have about \$200 to fund the reception. I've asked Kuvshinnikov to send me a list of suggested Soviet invitees and will forward it to you. Perhaps Roy Ward or John Ward could call Kuvshinnikov to get the details of the Soviet side's representational plans and pin down the most appropriate date for the US side to host the reception.

5. Hotel

I've asked Kuvshinnikov to book the entire delegation in the Rossiya which is reportedly only 10 minutes from Dom Soyuzov.

6. Ladies

Thus far I have no idea what special requests Mrs. Train, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Clusen may have for sightseeing, shopping, art galleries, etc. As soon as I get this, I'll inform the Embassy. Since Mrs. Train was in Moscow during the September 1972 meeting, she will probably have a different list of things to see and do.

7. Typewriters

Since both our secretaries are used to electric typewriters, they hope that we can borrow two from the Embassy or wider diplomatic community. As a fallback, could we borrow 2 transformers which would convert not only 220 to 110 volts, but also 50 cycles to 60 cycles for 2 portable electric typewriters which we could bring.

Rest assured that having worked on the other side of the street, I'll try to limit our requests on the heavily guarded Embassy as much as possible. Toward this end any comments and suggestions you may have would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Brown

Mr. Jack Matlock

Embassy Chief of Mission

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P. S. Mr. Andrews who will be funded for travel by the House Appropriations Committee may have a separate State Department escort officer. He will want an appointment with some one in the Ministry of Agriculture while in Moscow. I enclose a biographic summary.

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